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TO : Acting Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 1 October 1959

FROM : Chief, Electronic Equipment Branch, ORR

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report, September 1959

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1. Status of Branch Projects

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- ✓ a) Project 36.2376, "The Impact of Guided Missile Requirements on the Electronics Industry of the USSR"

Analyst: [REDACTED] 1/PR - Feb 60

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No change has occurred in this project. [REDACTED] continues to devote the major portion of his time on it. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a visited the [REDACTED] during September to confer with the project analysts on the B-200 SAM research contract. ✓

- ✓ b) Project 36.2377, "Production and Utilization of Semiconductors in the USSR"

Due D/I: 15 February 1959

Due St/PR: 15 April 1959 (overdue)

Transmitted to D/I: 6 July 1959

Analyst: [REDACTED] completed

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This project is completed and is now being put onto mats for final processing and release.

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- ✓ c) Project 36.2378, "The Electronics Industries of the European Satellites" (Phase 2, Hungary)

Due D/I: 15 September 1959 (Revised)

Due St/PR: 1 October 1959 (Revised)

Analyst: [REDACTED] 5/11 - 15 Oct.  
5/PR - 1 Dec.

Progress on this report during September has been accomplished, largely through the coordination (almost complete) of the Signal Corps contribution to Section 64 on electronic equipment. This consists of general agreement on the major quantitative estimates of value and unit output. The project itself, still has not yet reached a first draft stage.

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✓ d) Project 36.2754, "The Electronics Industry of Poland"  
Due Date: St/PR, 15 November 1959  
Analyst: [REDACTED]

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This project is now in first draft stage. Branch review should be completed by 15 October 1959.

✓ e) Project 36.2753, "The Production of Electronic Computers in the USSR"  
Due Date: St/PR, 15 December 1959  
Analyst: [REDACTED]

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The first draft of this project is almost completed. It appears that the initial plans to have a draft for Division review by 15 October will not be met. It may still be possible, however, to have this draft for D/I by 15 November. Thus, the 15 December deadline to St/PR, while it appears a bit more difficult, is still within reason.

✓ f) Project 36.2752, "ORR Military Electronics Estimates"  
Due Date: 15 January 1960  
Analyst: [REDACTED]

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During September, [REDACTED] was able to devote almost full attention to this project. As a result of progress to date, serious questions have arisen concerning the most appropriate final form for the report. Although it was originally conceived as a project appropriate for the RA type of publication, the type of study which is developing will probably be of primary value to a more restricted audience than originally intended; an audience which could be reached easily through a less formal medium. This will be discussed with Acting Chief, D/I, within the next two weeks. U

✓ g) Project 36.2755, "Exploratory Project: Soviet Electronic Plants"

Due Date: 30 June 1959<sup>60</sup>

Analyst: [REDACTED] was initially assigned to this project, but it is understood that other analysts will participate, as appropriate. [REDACTED] is now engaged in this work.

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2. Status of Support Projects

- a) S-497 (Support to OSI)  
Analyst: [REDACTED]

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OSI requested ORR support in the form of our estimates of production of various types of Radar sets in use in the Bloc. This project has been completed and will be forwarded through regular channels.

- ✓ b) Project 48.2667, Support COCOM: 1959 List Review

The major part of this support has been completed. Additional work during October will consist of the review of proposals of the UK, French, and West German Governments for redefinitions or other changes in the items currently covered by COCOM controls.

- c) A new support project was established during September. This project is to allow S/COM and I/EE to support the EIC Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications in the [REDACTED] Conference on Soviet Electronics.

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3. Changes in Estimates

None.

4. Relations with other Components

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- a) [REDACTED] have been nominated as ORR participants in an Elint Training course to be given by OTR during October.

- b) Several meetings were held with representatives of the US Army Signal Intelligence Agency concerning the coordination of their contributions to the Hungarian and Rumanian NIS, Section 64.

- c) [REDACTED] visited the SOVMAT Staff to discuss I/EE requirements for the procurement and analysis of Soviet electronics equipment.

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d) I/EE provided guide requirements for use in connection with the Khrushchev visit to the IBM computer plant in San Jose, California.

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e) I/EE has participated with I/SH in the exploitation of [REDACTED] This source reportedly has information on the cost to the Military of several items of electronic equipment. This will assist in refining the ruble/dollar ratio for Soviet military equipment.

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f) [REDACTED] has been invited to attend the regular meetings of the SIC Electronics Subcommittee, and was asked to participate in an SIC evaluation of Soviet Bloc infra-red capabilities. Participation by I/EE will consist of support on any statements of production capability in infra-red cells, optics, or finished equipment.

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g) I/EE corresponded on three occasions with [REDACTED] officials. This included correspondence with [REDACTED] commenting on an excellent report prepared by them on East German electronics; correspondence with [REDACTED] in reply to their comments on an I/EE CSM and an additional memorandum to [REDACTED] providing them with information received by CIA of the availability of Soviet open source material.

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